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Title: BGA PACKAGE HAVING SUBSTRATE  
WITH PATTERNED SOLDER MASK  
DEFINING OPEN DIE ATTACH AREA  
(AS AMENDED)

Attorney Docket No.: 98-0645.1

**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**March 10, 2003**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
BOX RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2002 having a statutory period for response set to expire on March 10, 2003. Please amend the captioned case as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend independent claims 24, 27, 30 and 34. A clean version of the amended claims, and a clean version of all the pending claims follows. In addition, a marked version of the amended claims showing the changes follows the Remarks section.